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NAMRU-D Showcases Scientific Skill to Navy Medicine West Leadership

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Rear Admiral Paul D. Pearigen, commander, Navy Medicine West, made a visit to Naval Medical Research Unit - Dayton, April 3.

DAYTON, Oh. – All hands were on deck to welcome Rear Admiral Paul D. Pearigen, commander, Navy Medicine West, to the Naval Medical Research Unit Dayton (NAMRU-D), April 3. Having previously visited the U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit 6 (NAMRU-6) in Peru as part of a larger tour of the Naval Medical Research Enterprise, the Dayton visit was the first for Pearigen. It served as an introduction to the multifaceted aerospace medical and environmental health effects research conducted at NAMRU-D.

Pearigen started the day with an overview brief by Capt. Rees L. Lee, commanding officer, NAMRU-D, showcasing the laboratory's many historical accomplishments, both scientific and administrative, and highlighting current and future research projects.

Pearigen toured the Aerospace Medical and the Environmental Health Effects Directorates headed by Dr. Richard Arnold and Dr. Karen Mumy. During the tours he saw how each lab is engaged in research to maximize warfighter performance and survivability and speak with the research teams about solutions for the field and the Fleet.

Pearigen also viewed NAMRU-D's new Disorientation Research Device, known as "the Kraken", and witnessed some of its capabilities, including the six degree of freedom motion profile.

Afterwards at the Environmental Health Effects Directorate, Pearigen saw the inhalation,

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neurobehavioral and In-vitro facilities, and was introduced to the many ways NAMRU-D recreates multiple stressor environments to assess the health effects.

The Admiral met with Brigadier General Mark Koeniger of the U.S. Air Force’s 711th Human Performance Wing and toured their facilities to gain insight into the collaborative efforts.

Pearigen ended the tour by thanking NAMRU-D’s staff for their hospitality and emphasized his commitment to staying engaged with the command and its research. “Thank you for everything you are doing here,” said Pearigen. “I was impressed by the great research and collaborations I saw today”.

The visit was greatly appreciated by the command as well. “Having the active involvement and presence of our flag leadership is so important to the command” said Lee. “It greatly motivates us to continue finding solutions for the warfighter.”

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